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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND AND UK VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION

1. MICHAEL POWLES, FIRST SECRETARY, NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY, CAME IN MARCH 14 AT OWN REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION WITH RANARD, EA/ K, REGARDING DEPARTMENT THINKING ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE INDICATED THAT NEW ZEALAND WAS REASONABLY RELAXED ON ISSUE, DOUBTED IT WOULD BE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN LEAD, BUT THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO TAKE A MORE "DETACHED POSITION" THAN PREVIOUSLY. HE ASSUMED ROK WOULD BE MOVING TOWARD DEFERMENT AGAIN, AND HAD IMPRESSION JAPAN WAS PRESSING FOR NEW INITIATIVES.

2. RANARD SAID WE ARE STUDYING ISSUE AND HAVE NOT TAKEN POSITION. ONCE ACTION CLEARER, WE WILL WISH CONSULT WITH  
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ROK. IN MEANWHILE WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE NEW ZEALAND STANDING FAST AND NOT SIGNALLING HER INTENTIONS TO OTHER SIDE. POWLES THOUGHT POSITION OUTLINED WAS SENSIBLE AND THAT NEW ZEALAND WOULD GO ALONG.

3. LATER SAME DAY, JOHN MOBERLY, COUNSELOR, BRITISH EMBASSY, CAME IN FOR REVIEW WITH RANARD OF RECENT KOREAN DEVELOPMENTS. ON KOREAN QUESTION RANARD TOOK POSITION SIMILAR TO ABOVE AND ASKED THAT UK HOLD LINE FOR TIME BEING UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ASSESSMENT WITH KOREANS. MOBERLY STATED

HE BELIEVED HOME WAS SYMPATHETIC TO SUPPORTING ROK ALLY TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BUT NOTED THERE WERE SOME IN FOREIGN OFFICE WHO FELT NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES. IN ANY CASE, MOBERLY THOUGHT UK WOULD BE QUITE AGREEABLE TO U. S. SUGGESTION. ROGERS

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